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OF THE

26th
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL

REUNION OF BATTERY A,

HELD

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

AUGUST 10, 11, 12, 1892,

AT CAMP WEST TWIN LAKE,

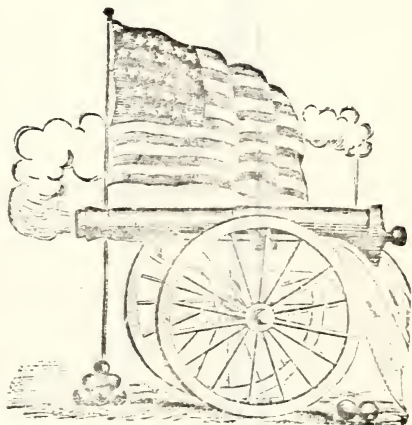
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THE REPORT.

ANOTHER year gone, and once more the members of Battery A, with their families, gather on the shore of West Twin Lake to enjoy their annual reunion, the twenty-sixth since the organization of the Association.

Tuesday, August 2d, Albert Holcomb and daughter Mabel, of Springfield, O., and S. J. Post and family, accompanied by S. E. Hanselman, wife and little son Charlie, of Ravenna, arrived at camp. The gentlemen preceded their families one day, in order to pitch their tents and have things in readiness when their ladies arrived. All was quiet in the little camp until August 4th, when Charles Saunders and his party arrived from Cleveland, after which there was no "rest for the weary." He had the drum corps with him, as usual, which furnishes excellent music, that was fully appreciated. He also brought a miniature cannon drawn by four goats, which furnished amusement for all with whom they came in contact. Charlie is always doing his best to furnish something new for the amusement of the campers. We could not well get along without him. I wish there were more who would take the same interest in our reunions.

There were in addition to the Saunders party a half-

dozen "merry damsels" from Newburgh, who "captured the hill," and made the camp lively with their merry laughter and jolly salutations. Miss Ethel Holcomb was the guest of her cousin Mabel. Their "joy was turned into mourning" from the fact that Marsh sent for his "best girl" to come to the Battery dance.

The weather could scarcely have been better had it been "ordered," with the exception of the second day of the reunion, when it rained very hard at times, thereby preventing the usually large number from coming together there on that day. At this time, however, there were twenty-five tents scattered over the ground with as jolly a crowd as ever went to camp. There were at least forty persons in Saunders' party, and they were lively.

One unpleasant feature of the occasion was the absence of Philo's family, their little boy Charlie being afflicted with scarlet fever. Philo was with us one week, but did not make himself as conspicuous as usual, on account of thoughts of "Home, Sweet Home," and the disappointed hearts he left behind.

We missed the faces of some who have met with us year after year, but were pleased to greet a goodly number who had not met with us for some time previous.

"Hello" was the password with Philo and the "merry damsels" on the hill. Charlie Hanselman accidentally dropped himself in the lake, but was rescued by the young lady "of the hill" who played train with him in the pavilion, and who was "just too sweet."

Fred Wirth had the goats hitched up to the little wagon, and amused the visitors by driving through the camp and nearly through some of the tents.

The gentlemen who take their wives to camp are more sure of a good record than those who do not.

We have concluded that an artist is one of the "indispensables" at camp.

One would think, to see the gentlemen rush to consult the time table, that West Twin Lake was the concentrating point of all the railroads in Portage county.

When parties go boating and have occasion to leave the boat, it is a good plan to fasten it securely. If this precaution is neglected, why then walk around the lake and look for your boat and overshoes in camp.

It would do a hungry man's soul good to listen to the announcement from the "Hotel de Miller": "The banquet awaits your pleasure; or dinner is now r-r-ready."

The new sign of O. S. W. K. near the head of Post Avenue attracted merited attention. After a game of chance is concluded, losers can "square up" by giving their I. O. U. Sometimes their obligation may be discharged by the rescue of a child from a watery grave. No fraudulent dealing or fooling with the discards will be allowed. Hope we shall not have to allude to these points another year.

Miss Margaret Cowley's umbrella was found after she left camp. It was put up in a safe place in the pavilion for next year.

The two gentlemen from Ravenna who called late Friday evening became very diffident when invited to come in; and when Holcomb collared one to bring him in, he "fell down and stepped on himself."

It is easy to win a game of base ball when the umpire is all right.

It seems as though our genial friend, S. F. Hanselman,

should be entitled to one of the veteran badges, as he paid the assessment of \$1.50, and in addition had to pay for the privilege of going into the pavilion to see the dancing.

Philo's "kindness was only exceeded by his beauty" when he permitted John to go to Kent to buy oil, and gave him permission to buy all he wanted, so long as he paid for it. 'Twas nothing to him.

"Three black crows sat on a tree" very late on Friday night.

The final parting scene was a sad one to all, with the exception of Philo, although Miss Morzan's courage failed her at the last moment.

Too much praise cannot be given Mustill's celebrated orchestra for the very choice selections rendered. This kind of music and the dance is something we cannot dispense with.

On the evening of the last day letters were received by the secretary from Myron Richards, George Wass, George Hewitt and Q. A. Monroe, enclosing money donations to help pay the expenses of the reunion, and regretting their absence; also letters from N. G. Mason and Joe Ulin.

The saddest thing of all is, when the boys begin taking down tents and going, one by one, some perhaps never to meet with us again; and particularly sad with "Kiff." If you don't believe it, shake hands with him and bid him goodbye.

A pair of steel bow eye glasses were picked up in camp and are in the hands of your secretary.

We missed General Burnett this year, as he has been quite a regular attendant the past two or three years. We should like to see Major Goodspeed at our reunions a little oftener. A letter was received from him saying it would

be impossible to come this year, but would try and meet with us in 1893.

It is a great convenience to have a public dining hall on the grounds, as a great many come unprepared to do their cooking; and Miller seems to be the right man.

The members will confer a favor by reporting any errors or omissions in this report, and also report any deaths among our number, giving particulars, date, etc., to the secretary.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH.

10:30 A. M.

A meeting of the members was called by Albert Holcomb, president. First business in order was the reading of secretary's and treasurer's report of reunion held in 1891. Report accepted.

A motion was made by N. Knapp that the chair appoint a committee to draft resolutions on the death of Comrade J. H. Cline, who died since our last reunion. Carried. Chair appointed John Shreader, A. Bloomfield and A. W. Scudder.

On motion of Charles Saunders, the chair appointed a committee consisting of John Shook, N. Knapp, Orrin Stofer and H. W. Sears, of the veterans; and Robert Saunders, A. J. Shreader, A. W. Holcomb and Carlos Shook, of the Sons of Veterans, for floor committee at the dance Thursday evening; and door committee: J. M. Walker, M. H. Marquett, George Ruggles; committee on tickets: Philo Bierce and Fred Wirth.

A motion by Charles Saunders that an assessment of \$1.50 be levied on each member for the expenses of the

reunion. After some lively discussion the motion was carried almost unanimously.

There being no further business, and it being dinner time, Pierce made a motion to adjourn to the call of the president. Carried.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH.

Meeting called to order at 3 o'clock p. m. by President Holcomb.

Resolutions on the death of J. H. Cline read, and motion by John Shook that same be accepted. Carried.

Committee on Resolutions report as follows:

WHEREAS. It has pleased kind Providence to remove by death from our midst Comrade J. H. Cline, therefore,

RESOLVED, First: That while we mourn the loss of Comrade Cline, we are also grateful that fate, common to us all, was prolonged to this time. We shall keep his memory until our time shall come.

Second: That we sincerely tender our heartfelt sympathy to his afflicted widow in her bereavement.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the widow, and published in the Ravenna papers.

J. J. SHREADER,

A. S. BLOOMFIELD,

A. W. SCUDDER,

Committee.

On motion of Pierce that Saunders and Shook be retained on Committee of Arrangements for next year, and to elect N. Knapp to serve on same committee, a vote was taken and the three elected.

Moved by Pierce that the twenty-seventh annual reunion be held at West Twin Lake the second Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in August, 1893. Carried.

FRIDAY. AUGUST 12TH.

Meeting called to order by President Holcomb.

Treasurer reported receipts of the dance to be \$40.85.

Moved by John Shreader that the Battery boxes formerly used for storing tents be sold by the secretary. No price fixed, but he was to get as much as he could for them. Carried.

Adjourned to second Wednesday in August, 1893.

Motion to adjourn to call of president. Carried.



1892. FINANCIAL REPORT.

August 10. Balance on hand..... \$ 16 02

RECEIPTS.

August 12. 29 comrades, each \$1.50.....\$43 50
 Comrades Merchant and Wass,
 each \$2 4 00
 Five comrades \$1 each..... 5 00
 Donation from S. F. Hanselman 1 50
 Donation from J. Wagner..... 1 00
 14 Sons of Veterans, each \$1.50 21 00
 Dance committee..... 40 85
 From S. J. Post, battery box... 1 00 117 85

Total, \$133 87

EXPENSES.

August 13. Tucker, rent of grounds, etc....\$25 00
 Music for dance..... 25 00
 Saunders for ammunition..... 7 40
 Cartage and storage for tents... 5 00 62 40

August 31. Balance on hand..... \$71 47
 ALBERT HOLCOMB, President, Springfield, O.
 S. J. POST, Sec'y and Treas., Ravenna, O.
 PHIL0 BIERCE, Quarter Master, Ravenna, O.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

CHAS. SAUNDERS, 1820 Finney Street, Cleveland, O.

JOHN SHOOK, Randolph, O.

N. KNAPP, Peninsula, O.

COMRADES PRESENT.

1	Albert Holcomb.....	Springfield, O
2	S. J. Post.....	Ravenna, O
3	Philo Bierce.....	Ravenna, O
4	Charles Saunders.....	1820 Finney St., Cleveland, O
5	R. P. Watrous.....	Kent, O
6	O. P. Stofer.....	Randolph, O
7	John Shook.....	"
8	David Yarian.....	"
9	John J. Shreader.....	Ravenna, O
10	Hiram Bentley.....	"
11	Marvin Collins.....	"
12	Henry A. Moore.....	"
13	Abraham Fifer.....	Salem, Columbiana Co., O
14	Jacob Fifer.....	Montpelier, Williams Co., O
15	Andy Mahan.....	Canton, O
16	Henry W. Sears.....	Charlestown, O
17	A. Bloomfield.....	Marlboro, Stark Co., O
18	J. M. Walker.....	"
19	L. B. Maxwell.....	"
20	Thomas Carr.....	Edinburg, O
21	Henry Kellifer.....	West Richfield, O
22	N. Knapp.....	Peninsula, O
23	A. W. Scudder.....	Fair Lawn, O
24	M. H. Marquett.....	West Richfield, O
25	John Merchaut.....	Hinckley, Medina Co., O
26	Fred W. Wirth.....	Brooklyn Village, O
27	George Ruggles.....	Kent, O
28	Fred H. Adams.....	Garrettsville, O
29	Milton Shook.....	St. Louis, Gratiot Co., Mich

- 30 Henry Perry.....Brecksville, O
- 31 James A. Barr “
- 32 Dan R. King.....Freedom, O
- 33 H. C. Grant.....Cuyahoga Falls, O

SONS OF VETERANS PRESENT.

- 1 Wm. G. Post.....Ravenna, O
- 2 A. J. Shreader..... “
- 3 H. J. Shreader “
- 4 W. A. Mahan “
- 5 Charles W. Mahan..... “
- 6 Robert R. Saunders....1820 Finney St., Cleveland, O
- 7 John T. Saunders.....1850 Finney St., Cleveland, O
- 8 H. C. Mason.....Savings Bank Bldg., Cleveland, O
- 9 A. W. Holcomb.....Kent, O
- 10 Carlos ShookRandolph, O
- 11 Carl Rogers..... “
- 12 L. F. Wirth.....Brooklyn Village, O
- 13 Will Wattous.....Geauga Lake, O
- 14 Park A. Knapp.....Peninsula, O

COMRADES NOT PRESENT.

- Allen, D. C.....Randolph, O
- 2 Andrews, S. C.....Bixford, McKane Co., Pa
- 3 Allen, Calvin.....—
- 4 Gen. James Barnett.....Cleveland, O
- 5 H. E. Brown922 Dorr St., Toledo, O
- 6 H. T. Barr.....Brecksville, O
- 7 Bishop, A. D.....Soldiers' Home, Dayton, O
- 8 Billings, Charles.....Ft. Foot, Prince George Co., Md
- 9 Blush, L. C.....Jonesboro, Ark

- 10 Barr, J. H. D West Richfield, O
- 11 Bolster, W. K. Meadville, Pa
- 12 Brooks, Amaziah Danville, Ill
- 13 Barrows, W. H. Chagrin Falls, O
- 14 Boosinger, E. A. ———
- 15 Belding, E. B. ———
- 16 Bradley, Henry G. Berea, O
- 17 Beans, Levi. ———
- 18 Burroughs, W. M. ———
- 19 Brown, Francis. Findlay, O
- 20 Curtiss, N. A. ———
- 21 Cuthbert, S. B. Brimfield, O
- 22 Cummings, C. R. Marshall, Marshall Co., Ia
- 23 Cummings, L. R. St. Paul, Minn
- 24 Cummings, G. W. ———
- 25 Corwin, Thomas. 42 Auburn St., Cleveland, O
- 26 Coe, L. L. Charlestown, O
- 27 Chapman, S. H. Cuyahoga Falls, O
- 28 Crockett, R. J. Canfield, O
- 29 Chaffee, C. E. Ankona, Fla
- 30 Clark, A. D. Kent, O
- 31 Clark, V. A. Missoula, Mont
- 32 Chamberlain, C. C. Burnip's Corners, Allegan Co., Mich
- 33 Coburn, Munroe A. ———
- 34 Clipp, Louis. Gravelton, Ind
- 35 Dunning, Richard. 308 Waverly St., Cleveland, O
- 36 Dutter, Jerry. Angola, Steuben Co., Ind
- 37 Dewire, Michael. Greenfield, Dark Co., O
- 38 Dewire, Elias. Olympia, Wash
- 39 Dennison, B. E. Bruin, Butler Co., Ind
- 40 Davidson, H. M. Ogdensburg, N. Y

- 41 Davidson, Wilson.....702 Market St., Seattle, Wash
- 42 Dutter, J. H.....Chapman, Neb
- 43 Dutter, George H.....Wilkesbarre, Pa
- 44 Davis, B.K. 1000 Cor. 4th Ave. & 9th St. Beaver Falls, Pa
- 45 Day, R. G.....—
- 46 Dole, Matthew....3222 Washington Ave N., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 47 Eckert, J. F.....Berea, O
- 48 Elster, L. A.....Yellow Springs, O
- 49 Edson, E. B.....—
- 50 Ferriman, T. C.....Medina, O
- 51 Furry, W. W.....81 5th Ave., Cleveland, O
- 52 Fifer, Wm.....—
- 53 Fuller, Marion.....Van Wert, Decatur Co., Ia
- 54 Foley, John.....Topeka, Kan
- 55 Finch, A. D.....Anna, Ill
- 56 Fairchild, Fred J....Vicksburg, Kalamazoo Co., Mich
- 57 Gargett, Wm.....Elm Hall, Gratiot Co., Mich
- 58 Goodspeed, W. F.....Columbus, O
- 59 Geer, Henry.....Akron, O
- 60 Greenwood, Horace.....151 Upton St., Akron
- 61 Gray, V. R.....Box 127, Blissfield, Mich
- 62 Gridley, J. C.....—
- 63 Gilson, J. W.....Austin, Texas
- 64 Gordon, Ed.....—
- 65 Haymaker, Ed.....Canton, O
- 66 Holcomb, P. W.....Cleveland, O
- 67 Hayward, W. H.....—
- 68 Hewitt, Geo. B.....Montgomery, Hillsdale Co., Mich
- 69 Holcomb, N. K.....Washington, Kan
- 70 Honeywell, J. H.....Nonchalanta, Kan
- 71 Hill, Wm.....—

72	Hickman, J. C.	_____
73	Harker, Henry	_____
74	Hiltibiddle, J.	_____
75	Jackson, Thomas	Grand Junction, Mich
76	Jewett, J. R.	Diamond Springs, Cal
77	Knappp, John F.	1036 Larimer St., Denver, Col
78	Kendrick, T. N.	Plankinton, Aurora Co., Dak
79	Loesch, M.	Randolph, O
80	Leonard, George W.	Ogden, Boone Co., Ia
81	Leonard, J. W.	_____
82	Monroe, Q. A.	Bonham, Fannin Co., Tex
83	Mahan, Willard	Ravenna, O
84	Meyer, John	95 Maple St., Cleveland, O
85	Martin, H. O.	Akron, O
86	McBride, J	_____
87	McGrew, T. W.	Cedar Rapids, Ia
88	McMasters, A. A.	948 Broad St., Augusta, Ga
89	McDowell, Wm.	Eldorado, Kan
90	Mason, Nathan G.	Milford, Wyoming
91	Potter, Daniel L.	Nashville, Jackson Co., Ia
92	Pitman, B. F.	Nantucket Island, Mass
93	Palmer, A. A.	_____
94	Richards, Myron	1917 K St., Lincoln, Neb
95	Rhoades, O. F.	Ashland, Wis
96	Rowe, A. M.	Huron, Beadle Co., Dak
97	Rowe, Darius	Akron, O
98	Rose, J. N.	East Liverpool, O
99	Ross, W. D.	_____
100	Remalie, Henry	Olivet, Mich
101	Randall, C. H.	70 Brownell St., Cleveland, O
102	Reineer, H. M.	Brecksville, O
103	Rose, R. P.	Keelerville, Van Buren Co., Mich

104	Reed, George	_____
105	Saussman, A. L.....	Brooklyn Village, O
106	Sutton, E. P.....	Cor. Scowden and Harrison Sts., Cleveland, O.
107	Sapp, Robert W.....	Ravenna, O
108	Searles, H. C.....	Akron, O
109	Shaw, E. F.....	92 Brooker Ave., Cleveland, O
110	Sears, L. F.....	Randolph, O
111	Sheldon, H. S.....	Findlay, O
112	Spafford, Irving	Cameron, Mo
113	Smith, O. C.....	Stockbridge, Calumet Co., Wis
114	Stevenson, Aaron B.....	_____
115	Sheldon, G. G.....	Painesville. O
116	Sherman, W. D	_____
117	Stage, Horace.....	Chardon, O
118	Spafford, W. H.....	_____
119	Smock, Isaiah.....	Dunkirk, O
120	Stough, Simon.....	_____
121	Tidd, H. H.....	_____
122	Tomlinson, Wm.....	513 Davis St., Elmira, N Y.
123	Tupper, H. C.....	_____
124	Tupper, A. H.....	605 Rondo St., St. Paul, Minn
125	Ulm, Wendel.....	Brimfield, O
126	Ulm, Joe.....	Delphos, O
127	Unger, Alpheus.....	Steamboat Rock, Hardin Co., Ia
128	Van Ormun, A. L.....	Brooklyn Village, O
129	Van Ormer, J.....	_____
130	Vaughn, Willard	Dorr Center, Mich
131	Whitney, Morgan M.....	Akron, O
132	Welton, John A.....	"
133	Wilson, A. E.....	Grand Rapids, Mich
134	Wass, George.....	Painesville, O

135	Waldo, J. A.....	_____
136	Wescott, E.....	_____
137	Whetstone, C.....	_____
138	Wise, Anthony.....	_____
139	Williams, Thomas.....	_____
140	Walfrum, Alonzo.....	Grand Ledge, Mich
141	Yoxthimer, P.....	_____
142	Zelley, Cahrles.....	Nappanee, Elkhart Co , Ind

SONS OF VETERANS NOT PRESENT.

1	Richards, Burt W.....	1917 K St , Lincoln, Neb
2	Cuthbert, C. H.....	Brimfield, O
3	Stofer, Charles.....	Mogadore, O
4	Mahan, W. H.....	Ravenna, O
5	Scudder, C. H.....	Fair Lawn, O
6	Fifer, Charles.....	Salem, O
7	Barr, W. F. G.....	Brecksville, O
8	Ferriman, Orrin F.....	Medina, O
9	Ferriman, M. H.....	"
10	Richards, O. F.....	1917 K St., Lincoln, Neb

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